

AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

BINS AND GRANARIES.

How to Care for a Crop of Grain After Harvesting It.

After the entire season has been spent in growing and securing the crop of grain, it should be well taken care of and not allowed to lie scattered over the floor or piled up in one corner of the building accessible to chickens, mice, etc. A granary is a necessity. Several plans, engraved after sketches of L. D. Snook, are shown herewith. That in Fig. 1 is twelve by sixteen feet and will hold nearly four hundred bushels of grain. One corner of the barn is the location most convenient for all purposes. There is a window at the side, four feet from the door. The bin at the end of the alley is four by twelve feet. The alley is of the same dimensions and can also be used as a bin after

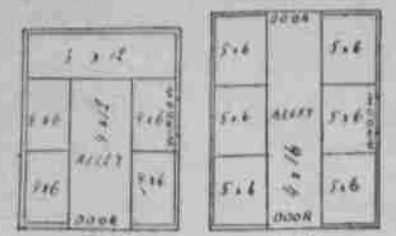


FIG. 1.—PLAN OF GRANARY BIN.

The permanent bins are full. An alley should be large enough to be used as a storehouse, for filling bags, a place for the fanning mill, etc. Make the door large and provide it with a trap and lock. Plan Fig. 2 is designed to be located between two threshing floors; it has a door at each end and two rows of bins on each side of the alley. When needed one door is fastened and the alley filled to the opposite door. The front boards of all the bins are movable and easily taken out. Each set should be made to fit a certain bin and plainly numbered so there will be no confusion. The plan of filling them is shown in Fig. 3. On two sides of the standard are nailed strips of soft wood 1/2 inch square. They form a groove in which the numbered boards or front of bin fit closely. These strips

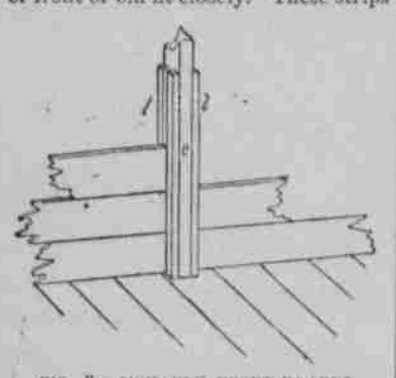


FIG. 2.—MOVABLE FRONT BOARDS.

should be 4 1/2 feet in length and fitted with boards to the very top. When the grain is placed in or taken from the bin boards are added or removed as required. Make a step or platform one foot high, one foot wide and six feet in length for placing along the side of the bin when taking from or filling the bin until a front board can be removed. The floor and sides of the granary should be made from well-seasoned hemlock, as mice and rats will not work in that as readily as in pine or other soft wood. Some farmers make their granaries rat-proof by double flooring and placing a covering of tin or wire netting between the boards. At the point where the granary is to be located, the foundation is to be strengthened, for at times there will be several tons of weight on a small surface that often causes settling and its consequent trouble. In Fig. 4 are shown plans of grain bins, not located in a granary, that often prove convenient. They should be made to hold about seven or five bushels each, and be four feet high in front and five feet in the rear. The bin in a loose



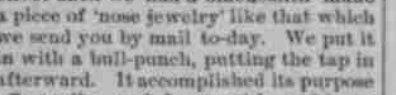
FIG. 4.—CONVENIENT GRAIN BINS.

front board at the bottom, its upper side being held in position by two wooden buttons, the lower side is retained by a cleat nailed to the floor. When it is desired to remove the contents of the bin, the lower board is detached and the grain runs out upon the floor and is easy of access. The plan at 5 is intended as the out or feeding bin; the board next to the bottom slants inward as shown in the engraving. Bin 6 has the movable front. Many farmers are using bins of this form instead of a granary. They are easy to locate in a horse barn or other place where grain is fed. Bins should be provided with a cover, and can be made quite secure with a trap and lock. Large and well made dry goods boxes make fairly good, single portable bins—American Agriculturalist.

AN EFFECTIVE DEVICE.

It Will Effectually Prevent Cows from Sucking Themselves.

From Mr. John Lewis, head manager for Mr. Adams Earl, Lafayette, Ind., the Breckers' Cowsucker is a description of a little device used at a hotel and prevent cows from sucking themselves. Mr. Lewis sends this in view of a recent inquiry for information upon this subject. He says: "We had a Jersey cow upon which we tried everything we could think of without



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effect until we had a blacksmith make a piece of 'nose jewelry' like that which we send you by mail to-day. We put it in with a bull-punch, putting the tap in afterward. It accomplished its purpose effectually, and I can with confidence recommend it. I would prefer it to any heavy stick or leather, as it is not so unsightly."

It will be observed that the tap to which Mr. Lewis refers is adjustable by means of a screw thread, so that the device is not only simple in operation but must be necessarily be sufficient to prevent the practice which it is intended to stop.

Hogs' Parasites.

Hogs have their parasites like other animals, and they wallow in the mud as a relief. In the winter, when slush and mud are undesirable, an excellent method of affording relief is to place a rough patch in the pigpen, not less than six inches in diameter, which will be found very beneficial to the pigs, as they can then rub themselves. Fine coal ashes dusted over their backs is also a preventive of the attacks of parasites.

DISINFECTANTS

Disinfectants should examine the hives, especially during changes of temperature of the weather, as the hive may become too warm inside. The colony is a strong one, due to animal heat of the bees, and the bees should be kept cool. It indicates that the hive is in a location that is too warm. Weak colonies may not be affected.

PHASES OF SOCIETY.

The Ideal Standard Which All Desire to Reach.

There is one universal ambition among people of every social grade, and each has its standard that represents this ambition. Each social grade has its conception of what it is to be a lady or gentleman. Every locality seems to have its own ideal of what is permissible and what is not. There is a town in Texas, a community made up of people who have emigrated from the north, and who worked years before they were a Yankee and his wife went down to visit a relative, one of these settlers, who decided to give the visitors a dinner. The New Yorker was very genial and companionable, and his wife very affable. The Texans, who had their own standards of conventionality, felt somewhat uneasy lest these did not reach the standards of the people who represented to them the highest social opportunities. The rich man was troubled with dyspepsia, and his wife kept a close watch on him at the table. Joe-crown was seated with the dinner, and the wife protested to him under her breath against his eating it. When she found he could not be convinced, she said: "Well, if you will have it, do put some brandy on it that may save you from illness." The rich man did pour brandy over his ice-cream, and when about to apologize he glanced about the table to see people on each side of the table, and he saw that the ice-cream with brandy! This call to mind an incident in a country town in New England. One of the young merchants of the place, who was considered a most desirable man, and who had been the recipient of many courtesies from the heads of families where there were daughters, chose a bride from a large city. After his engagement was announced, a prominent member of his bride in the city in which she lived was constantly referred to by his family, until the curiosity of these simple villagers was aroused to the highest pitch, and they really would not have been surprised had the bride appeared with one of the much-talked-of crowns on her head and wearing a court mantle. She proved to be an affable girl, without any of the characteristics that would indicate familiarity with the "four hundred"—big parson, with the "one hundred and fifty." Shortly after her appearance as a bride there was a public dinner given to celebrate a historical event connected with the history of the nation, and the young merchant and his bride were among the guests. The entire affair was a revelation to the simple people to whom a roast and a dessert represented all-sufficiency in that direction. When the cups of hospitality were placed by the imported waiters in front of the guests, the young bride, on whom many eyes were turned for direction and guidance, calmly leaned forward, picked up a sugar-tong and dropped two lumps in to her cup, asked for the cream, which the well-trained waiter immediately brought her, and a liberal quantity of the fluid went into her cup. Her husband, who sat next her, looked at her example. They stirred the sugar and cream vigorously into the bouillon, and then took a liberal mouthful of the mixture. Shades of their ancestors' what ex-pressions passed over their faces! The husband looked at her with a perfectly helpless expression as he swallowed the dose which she could not swallow, but used her napkin to dispose of, asking, in a subdued tone of voice: "What was that?" while she responded: "I don't know; I thought it was tea!" When one looked at the elaborate white satin dress, with its fall of expensive lace, and all the other accessories of a toilette that represented expenditures of money of a magnitude of just what kind of civilization that woman represented was raised in the observer's mind—Christian Union.

MARKET REPORTS.

KANSAS CITY, May 4.
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